

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

April 23rd, 2007

VAVRS Headquarters, Oilville, Va.

10:00 AM

David Barrick was introduced as the new Committee Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 am.

Members present:

David Barrick
Bob Montminy
Russ Blow
Craig Bryant
George Lankford
Warren Winner
Denny Kincaid

Staff present:

Scott Winston
Michael Berg
Jimmy Burch

Motion was made by Craig Bryant, second by Russ Blow to approve October minutes as presented. Motion passes unanimously.

Scott updated the committee on the status of the state ambulance contract. The original contract expired in September 2006. Singer and PSV were both asked to extend the contract for 6 months as the contract allows. Singer chose to extend the contract for Type I but PSV chose not to extend their contract for Type II and III. The Department of General Services is currently reviewing the contract to see if it can be extended for another 6 months.

Scott and Mike have met recently with Singer to discuss contract issues. Singer has informed them that there will need to be price increases for the next term.

Russ informed the committee that the E350 and E450 Diesel models will no longer be offered by Ford. Production has stopped at this time.

Warren suggested that with the status of chasis availability that there is no need to rush to let a new contract. He suggested the committee wait until this issues was resolved prior to working on a new contract.

The committee will follow up after Scott has more information from DGS concerning the contract extension.

Russ asked how the committee will handle grant request for ambulances that the chasis is no longer available. It was suggested that each agency that has requested ambulance funding for a unit no longer available to be notified of such. Each agency would then have to determine if they wanted to proceed with their request or withdraw it. Mike contacted Amanda Davis concerning this issue. She advised that Linwood has already spoken to some of the agencies involved and that a letter would also be sent to each agency with this information.

Mike informed the committee there is ongoing research and discussions concerning child safety seats and transportation of children. As more information becomes available he will share with the committee.

Bob reported that there has been recent problems with the framerails on Freightliner chasis. He will forward the information about Freightliner chasis concerns to OEMS to be posted on the web as well as VAVRS and Regional council web sites.

A total of 45 grant request were reviewed and graded.

The next meeting will be August 6th, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the VAVRS Headquarteres.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.